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Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the second session of the Ad Hoc Committee.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Consideration of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, with particular emphasis on articles 1-3.
4. Consideration of the additional international legal instrument against trafficking in women and children.
5. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its second session.

Annotations

1. Opening of the second session of the Ad Hoc Committee

The Meeting will be convened on Monday, 8 March 1999, at 10 a.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work of the Ad Hoc Committee at its second session were endorsed by the Ad Hoc Committee at its first session, held in Vienna from 19 to 29 January 1999.

The resources available to the Ad Hoc Committee at its second session permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

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3. Consideration of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, with particular emphasis on articles 1-3

At its first session, the Ad Hoc Committee concluded a first reading of articles 1-23 of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (as contained in document A/AC.254/4). The Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee concentrate at its second session on the negotiation of the text of articles 1-3 of the draft Convention, dealing with the objectives and scope of application of the Convention and definitions. That recommendation was made on the understanding that, should the Committee complete the drafting of those articles with time remaining at its second session, it would proceed to the negotiation of as many other articles of the draft Convention as possible. The Ad Hoc Committee decided, at its first session, to consider articles 4, 4 *bis*, 7 and 8, on money-laundering, confiscation and transparency of transactions, at its third session, scheduled to be held in Vienna in April for at least three days during the eighth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. In view of that decision and in the event of early conclusion of the negotiation of articles 1-3 of the draft Convention, the Ad Hoc Committee may wish to proceed with the negotiation of articles 5, 9 and subsequent.

Documentation

Revised draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Rev.1)

Proposals and contributions received from Governments (A/AC.254/5/Add.3)

4. Consideration of the additional international legal instrument against trafficking in women and children

In its resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998, the General Assembly decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee for the purpose, *inter alia*, of discussing the elaboration, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea; and, in carrying out that work, to take into account, *inter alia*, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1998/18, 1998/19 and 1998/20 of 28 July 1998.

In its resolution 53/114 of 9 December 1998, the General Assembly called upon the Ad Hoc Committee to devote attention to the drafting of the main text of the convention, as well as, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea.

At the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee, the representative of the United States of America introduced the draft protocol to combat international trafficking in women and children supplementary to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Add.3). The representative of Argentina introduced draft elements for an agreement on the prevention, suppression and punishment of international trafficking in women and children, supplementary to the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/8). The delegations of Argentina and the United States undertook to produce a combined text to serve as the basis for future consideration of the draft instrument by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Documentation

Revised draft international legal instrument against trafficking in women and children: proposal submitted by Argentina and the United States of America (A/AC.254/4/Add.3/Rev.1)

Background documents

Inter-American Convention on International Traffic in Minors (A/AC.254/CRP.2)

5. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its second session

The Ad Hoc Committee is to adopt a report on its second session, the draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur.

In its resolution 53/111, the General Assembly requested the Ad Hoc Committee to submit a progress report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eighth session. The progress report will comprise a summary of the reports of the Ad Hoc Committee on its first and second sessions and will be accompanied by the revised version of the draft Convention and other international legal instruments.

Annex

Proposed organization of work of the second session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, to be held in Vienna from 8 to 12 March 1999

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Plenary*
Monday, 8 March	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1	Opening of the second session of the Ad Hoc Committee
		2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		3	Consideration of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, with particular emphasis on articles 1-3
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3	Continuation of the discussion
Tuesday, 9 March - Thursday, 11 March	10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3	Continuation and conclusion of the discussion
Friday, 12 March	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Consideration of the additional international legal instrument against trafficking in women and children
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4	Continuation and conclusion of the discussion
		5	Consideration and adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its second session